

ORDINANCE C-2-99

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 903 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVE CITY, OHIO, TITLED PARKS

WHEREAS, Chapter 903 provides regulations for all city-owned park land; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing this Chapter, it was determined that an update was necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board reviewed and approved the proposed update at their 11/9/98 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 903 - Parks which reads:

903.01 REGULATIONS FOR USE OF CITY-OWNED PARK LANDS.

The following regulations are established for the use of City-owned park lands:

- (a) Parks shall be for the use of the general public during daylight hours unless otherwise specified by the Park Board, except for the lighted tennis courts at Windsor Park which shall remain open for use until 11:00 p.m.; (Ord. C68-75. Passed 10-6-75.)
- (b) No beer or intoxicating liquor shall be permitted on park property;
- (c) Motor vehicles shall not be permitted on park property except in designated areas;
- (d) Use of the park and/or park facilities by a group or organization shall be by prior arrangement with the Park Board or its designated representative;
- (e) All persons using the parks and/or park facilities shall conduct themselves in a manner that is not offensive to others and which will not interfere with the free use of the parks and/or park facilities by others. (Ord. C38-70. Passed 10-5-70; Ord. C29-95. Passed 5-15-95.)

903.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision set forth in Section 903.01(a), (c), (d) or (e) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Whoever violates any provision of Section 903.01 (b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for the first offense and guilty of a misdemeanor in the third degree for any subsequent offense within a twelve month period.
(Ord. C29-95. Passed 5-15-95.)

Is Hereby Repealed and Replaced with the following:

903.01 DEFINITIONS

As used in the chapter:

- (a) "Park" means any public land, controlled or operated by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Grove City, Ohio.
- (b) "Director" means the Director of Parks and Recreation as defined in Section 145.02 of this Code.

903.02 HOURS OF OPERATION

No person, except in an emergency or with a special permit issued by the Director, shall enter, remain in, stop or park a motor vehicle in the park except during the hours designated by the Director. Such hours shall be conspicuously posted at the entrance to each park

903.03 FEES FOR USE OF SHELTER HOUSE

- (a) A fee shall be charged for the reserved use of park picnic shelters and shall be payable at the time of reservation.
- (b) The Director shall establish rules, regulations and procedures for the reservation and use of park shelters.

903.04 TRAFFIC

- (a) No person shall drive or operate any vehicle or motorized bicycle within a park except on and within the streets, roadways and paths provided for such vehicle, pursuant to Section 301.51.
- (b) No persons shall operate a vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour.
- (c) No persons shall operate farm machinery or construction equipment, drive a truck, tractor or other vehicle which is at the time used for transportation of goods or materials over any park street, roadway or path without a permit from the Director.
- (d) No person shall clean, wash or repair any automobile or other vehicle in or upon a park.

903.05 INTOXICATION/DRUGS

- (a) No person in a park shall be intoxicated or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage, pursuant to Section 529.01.
- (b) No person in a park shall be under the influence of any type of narcotic drug, opiate or hallucinogen, pursuant to Section 513.01(b).
- (c) No person shall use, consume, carry or bring any intoxicating liquor, alcoholic beverage, narcotic, drug, opiate or hallucinogen in or upon any park, pursuant to Section 529.07(b)(3).

903.06 PETS

No person shall bring to a park any pet, except domestic dogs or cats which must be controlled at all times and secured to a leash not more than six (6) feet in length, pursuant to Section 505.01(b).

Persons must clean up after their dog(s) and must carry a device for this purpose, pursuant to Section 505.09(a).

903.07 HORSEBACK RIDING

No person shall ride or bring into a park any horse, mule or pony without the express permission of the Director.

903.08 CAMPING

No person shall maintain a tent, camper or other temporary sleeping place within a park without a specific written permit from the Director.

903.09 SWIMMING AND WADING

- (a) Wading, swimming, bathing or entering into any of the lakes, ponds, streams, reservoirs, quarries, fountains or any other water repository is strictly prohibited without the express permission of the Director, pursuant to Section 1325.07 of this Code.
- (b) Swimming and wading shall only be permitted within those recreational facilities as designated by the Director.

903.10 GOLF

No person shall hit a golf ball or practice golf except in areas designated by the Director.

903.11 RADIOS, PHONOGRAPHS, TAPE RECORDERS, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

No person shall cause a radio, phonograph, tape recorder or any musical instrument or device to be used in a park at a volume audible beyond his immediate area.

903.12 ENGINE POWERED MINIATURE MODELS AND TOYS

No engine-powered miniature models or toy airplanes, chemically powered rockets, boats, cars, sirens, or other noise making devices are permitted to be operated within the confines of a park, except in areas designated by the Director.

903.13 SNOWMOBILES AND ALL PURPOSE VEHICLES

No person shall operate a self-propelled vehicle, pursuant to Section 375.01(a) or 375.01(b) of this Code, within a park other than in areas designated by the Director.

903.14 FIRES

No person shall start a fire in a park except for small fires for cooking in park grills and privately owned grills, pursuant to Section 1513.03(b) of this Code.

903.15 INDECENT LANGUAGE - LEWD CONDUCT

No person shall use any abusive profane or indecent language or engage in any lewd or obscene conduct or any other conduct that may annoy others.

903.16 FIREWORKS, FIREARMS, AND WEAPONS

No person, other than law enforcement officers, shall carry a firearm of any description, air or gas gun, a bow, crowbar or other missile throwing device within a park, or discharge any firearms, fireworks (see Section 1519.01(e)), explosive substances, or air or gas guns into or over a park or bring into a park any pistol, switchblade or hunting knife, dagger, metal knuckles, slingshots, or other weapon or firearm, pursuant to Sections 549.07 and 1519.13.

903.17 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL OR DISTURBANCE OF PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, OR NATURAL FEATURES

No person shall injure, deface, destroy, disturb, or remove any part of a building sign, equipment or other property of a park nor shall any tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation, or fruit or seed thereof, or rock or mineral be removed, injured, destroyed or disturbed, pursuant to Section 541.07 of this Code.

903.18 GAMBLING

No person in a park shall engage in, promote, solicit or procure participants for any game which is played for money or other thing of value, or engage in any form of gambling.

903.19 CLIMBING ON FENCES, SHELTERS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

No person shall climb, walk, stand or sit upon any fences, shelters, poles, fountains, walls or other structures within a park.

903.20 HUNTING, TRAPPING, COLLECTING OR MOLESTING WILDLIFE

No person shall hunt, collect, pursue with dogs, trap or in any way molest any wild bird or other animal, or rob or molest any nest or den, or take the eggs of young of any bird or other animal found within the confines of a park, pursuant to Section 505.11 of this Code.

903.21 SOLICITATION

No person shall sell, beg, hock, peddle, offer or solicit for sale any goods or merchandise within a park without the proper license required pursuant to Chapter 720.

903.22 ENFORCEMENT

- (a) No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any posted restrictions or directives or with any reasonable order relating to Chapter 903, or with any other order lawfully given by any Recreation Department personnel or law enforcement officer.
- (b) Police officers and Recreation Department personnel may order any person violating any provisions of these rules and regulations to leave the park. No person shall fail to obey such an order.

903.24 ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Director shall make and enforce such additional rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper management of parks and their facilities.

903.99 PENALTY


Whoever violates any provision set forth in Section 903.02 through 903.04 and 903.06 through 903.24 shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Whoever violates any provision of Section 903.05 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for the first offense and guilty of a misdemeanor in the third degree for any subsequent offense within a twelve month period.
(Ord. C29-95. Passed 5-15-95.)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Passed: 2/1/99
Effective: 3/3/99

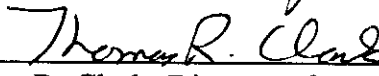
Attest:

I Certify that this ordinance is correct as to form.


Michael Milovich, Jr., President of Council


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